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25X1A [REDACTED] Comment: Although this report contains information which duplicates
25X1A that in [REDACTED] it is [REDACTED] is dated a year later than
the previous report. It is distributed to confirm the previous report and to
indicate that the postal regulations in Latvia remained unchanged, at least up
to September 1951.

Correspondence with Foreign Countries

1. There are no official restrictions on sending letters abroad from Latvia.
2. Letters do not have to be sent by registered post or delivered to a post office in person by the sender but may be dropped into any post box. The only requirement is that the sender's name and address should be written on the back of the envelope.

Correspondence Inside Latvia

3. It is generally assumed that persons sending letters abroad or receiving such correspondence are recorded by the security authorities. 1.
4. Letters addressed to places in Latvia or in the U.S.S.R. do not have to show the sender's name or address.
5. As a rule postal traffic inside Latvia is normal and it takes ordinary internal

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letters two to three days to reach their destination, but cases have been known when it took a letter seven days to reach the addressee, therefore it is suspected that an occasional censorship of inland letters is also carried out.

6. It is known that letters from abroad do reach Latvia but that letters sent out from Latvia often fail to arrive at their destination and simply disappear on the way.

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Comment: It is clear that while the identity of the sender of a letter abroad (if he does not give his own name) is not necessarily obvious, the recipient of a letter from abroad is at once a marked man, and therefore people in Latvia in general are very reluctant to keep up correspondence with anybody abroad - except possibly very old people corresponding with members of their family.